

Captain of the Port Houston / Galveston

Hurricane Port Conditions

Whiskey & X-Ray

The measures taken for Whiskey and X-Ray are the same with the exception of deadlines for submitting "Remaining In Port Checklists". The date and time that the checklists must be submitted by will be made know through Marine Safety Information Broadcasts (MSIB's).

To enter, transit or remain within this safety zone, vessels must comply with the following requirements:

Report Intentions to Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston: All commercial vessels and ocean-going barges greater than 500 gross tons must advise the Captain of the Port of their intent to remain in port or depart. If intending to remain in port, all vessels must complete and submit "Remaining in Port Checklist" for approval. Checklist can be obtained by visiting the MSO Houston-Galveston website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/inport.htm> or calling (713) 671-5100 (ext. 0). The Checklist must be faxed to the COTP, at Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5177. As the storm approaches, it is anticipated that Marine Safety Unit Galveston may be evacuated from their normal office space. Therefore representatives will be assembled at MSO Houston-Galveston to review checklists from Galveston, Texas City and Freeport.

Closure of Departure/Arrival Windows: Ocean-going ships and barges over 500 gross tons departing the port must depart no later than 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds (Port Condition Zulu). Vessels bound for COTP Houston-Galveston Zone ports, which are unable to arrive 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds are advised to seek an alternate destination.

Cargo Operations/Bunkering: All transfer operations shall cease upon arrival of sustained 40 mph winds. All vessels intending to leave port and requiring bunkers shall plan accordingly to ensure preparations for departure are complete by 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds from the storm.

Smaller Commercial Vessels Not Restricted by Draft: Smaller commercial vessels not restricted by draft, including fishing vessels, are asked to seek shelter outside the deep draft shipping channels and turning areas.

Yankee

No vessels may enter, transit or remain within this safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port. The following additional requirements are in effect:

Cease Cargo Operations: All transfer of cargo operations shall cease when wind speeds reach 40 mph.

Disconnect Transfer Hoses: Disconnect all transfer hoses and loading arms when wind speeds exceed 50 mph.

Vessels Desiring to Depart Port Must Arrange Immediate Departure: Movement of all vessels and barges over 500 gross tons desiring to depart the port must contact the Captain of the Port at (713) 671-5100 (ext. 0) to arrange immediate departure.

All Vessels Must be at Mooring Site and Follow Approved Remaining in Port Checklist: All commercial vessels and barges greater than 500 GT remaining in port must be at their mooring site in accordance with their "Remaining in Port Checklist" as approved by the Captain of the Port. Any such vessels that haven't submitted checklists must fax them immediately to (713) 671-5177. The checklist can be obtained by visiting the MSO Houston-Galveston website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/inport.htm> or calling (713) 671-5100 (ext. 0).

Smaller Commercial Vessels Not Restricted by Draft: Smaller vessels not restricted by draft, including fishing vessels, are asked to seek shelter outside the deep draft shipping channels and turning areas.

Vessels Bound for This Port: Vessels bound for this port are advised to seek an alternate destination.

Within 12 hours of expected gale force winds from, the COTP will set Port Condition Zulu. Future Port Conditions are set contingent upon the storm's course and speed. Should the hurricane increase in speed, Condition Zulu may be set sooner.

Zulu

Port Status: Closed

All movements require Captain of the Port Houston / Galveston approval.

Hurricane landfall predicted in 12Hrs.

Marine Safety Office Houston / Galveston

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Fax: (713) 671-5177

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Marine Safety Unit Galveston

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